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SUBJECT: CERTIFICATION PROCEDURES RE RHODESIAN CHROME

REF: STATE 098459, EC BRUSSELS 4059

- 1. ACCORDING TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE, GOF IS NOT PREPARED TO MEET U.S. TREASURY REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATES CONCERNING ORIGIN OF CHROME IN STEEL OR OTHER PRODUCTS SUCH AS FERROCHROME. MEMBER STATES OF EC ARE IN AGREEMENT WITH FRENCH VIEW THAT A GENERAL STATEMENT SHOULD SUFFICE AND HAVE REQUESTED EC COMMISSION TO HANDLE PROBLEM WITH U.S. OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON AS NOTED USEC REFTEL.
- 2. UNDER DECREE NUMBER 68-759 OF AUGUST 23, 1968
 FRANCE PROHIBITED IMPORTS OF ALL PRODUCTS OF RHODESIAN
 ORIGIN. THEREFORE GOF IS WILLING TO GIVE A GENERAL
 ASSURANCE THAT PRODUCTS EXPORTED FROM FRANCE TO THE
 UNITED STATES CONTAIN NOTHING OF RHODESIAN ORIGIN.
- 3. EMBASSY HAS BEGUN TO RECEIVE COMPLAINTS FROM SHIPPERS THAT CUSTOMERS IN U.S. ARE URGING THEM TO UNCLASSIFIED

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OBTAIN PROPER CERTIFICATION BEFORE SHIPMENT, WHILE CERTIFICATES CANNOT BE OBTAINED IN FRANCE. GOF FEELS TRADE IS BEING DISRUPTED BY ARBITRARY U.S. ACTION.

4. EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT KIND OF CERTIFICATION WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO U.S. AND WOULD APPRECIATE A STATUS REPORT ON EC-US DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON.

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